

Pulaski was mortally wounded, making the ultimate sacrifice for our country and the cause of freedom.

General Pulaski's life exemplifies the courage and determination of the many Polish immigrants who have helped make the United States the greatest Nation on Earth. On General Pulaski Memorial Day, we recognize our time-honored friendship with Poland, and we are reminded of the great price our forefathers paid so that we might live in liberty.

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush,** President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2008, as General Pulaski Memorial Day. I urge Americans to commemorate this occasion with appropriate activities and ceremonies honoring General Casimir Pulaski and all those who defend our freedom.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: At the time of publication, this proclamation had not been received by the Office of the Federal Register for assignment of a proclamation number.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### **October 4**

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to Midland, TX, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Linda Fox.

Later in the afternoon, at a private residence, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception. Later, they returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

### **October 6**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to San Antonio, TX, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Sonya McDonald. Then, at a private residence, they attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception.

Later in the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Cincinnati, OH, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Nancy Arnold. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to designate Douglas A. Brook as Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

### **October 7**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom and President Nicolas Sarkozy of France to discuss the global financial markets situation. Later, on the South Lawn, he and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with members of the 2008 U.S. summer Olympic and Paralympic teams.

Later in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy to discuss the global financial markets situation.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Chantilly, VA, where he toured Guernsey Office Products, Inc. He then participated in a meeting on the financial markets situation with State and local business leaders. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

### **October 8**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with Prime Minister Tillman Thomas of Grenada.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Chancellor Angela

Merkel of Germany to discuss the global financial markets situation.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Hanna from September 4–15.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Texas by authorizing an extension of 100 percent in the level of Federal funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures undertaken as a result of Hurricane Ike that struck the State from September 7 to October 2.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Louisiana by authorizing an increase of 100 percent Federal funding for debris removal and emergency measures undertaken as a result of Hurricane Ike that struck the State beginning on September 11 and continuing.

#### **October 9**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe wind storm associated with Tropical Depression Ike on September 14.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding from September 12–16.

The President announced his intention to designate Patrick A. Gorman as Acting Chief Information Officer at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

#### **October 10**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Miami, FL, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Teodoro Rodriguez. He then traveled to Coral Gables, FL.

Later in the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception. Then, at Havana Harry's restaurant, he met with Cuban American community leaders. Later, he trav-

eled to Charleston, SC, where, upon arrival in the evening at Charleston Air Force Base, he was joined by Mrs. Bush and met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Eileen Hadbavny.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity and met with the 2008 Little League Softball World Series champion Simpsonville Stars. They then traveled to Kiawah Island, SC, where, at the Sanctuary at Kiawah Island, they attended a Republican National Committee reception. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

#### **Released October 6**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Scott M. Stanzel

Fact sheet: Judges Who Honor the Constitution

Advance text of the President's remarks to the Cincinnati chapter of the Federalist Society in Cincinnati, Ohio

#### **Released October 7**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on a Federal district court ordering the release of 17 Chinese Uyghur detainees held at Guantanamo Bay